

# UPI Correspondent Accused of Spying For CIA by Russia

MOSCOW (UPI)— The newspaper Izvestia charged yesterday that Don Larrimore, United Press International correspondent in Warsaw, had acted as an agent for the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency at various Communist festivals in Europe.

Izvestia said Larrimore went to the Soviet Union in 1956 and 1957 as a "student tourist" to "make contact with Soviet students and potential CIA agents." It said Larrimore was freelancing at the time and was not in UPI employ.

Izvestia said Larrimore was aided in 1956 by a Soviet student who subsequently defected to the west. The student said he put Larrimore in contact with another student named "Felix S" whom Larrimore was said to have introduced in 1957 to Professor Irvin Shaw of the University of Minneapolis, then visiting Moscow.

Izvestia said Shaw wrote to Felix, enclosing \$100 and asking him to write a report on Russia for an American chemical magazine. The newspaper said the correspondence was intercepted by Felix's father who notified Soviet authorities. It said Felix "distorted all the facts" and "must be punished" for his "treason." It said he was "actually caught."

The newspaper said Larrimore also had engaged in anti-Communist activities at youth festivals in Vienna and Helsinki.

"Larrimore's activities," Izvestia said, "are of course not financed by UPI but by CIA. He has not managed to return to Moscow so he has decided to try his luck in Warsaw."

(UPI said in New York that Larrimore denied ever having been in CIA employ. UPI said Larrimore had worked for Radio Liberty in Munich, an anti-Communist organization similar to Radio Free Europe, before joining the UPI staff.

(UPI said it was puzzled by Izvestia's statement that Larrimore had "not managed to return to Moscow" since the Soviet Foreign Ministry had granted him a visa to join the UPI staff in the Soviet capital long after the alleged events in Moscow. UPI said Larrimore in the meantime had been assigned to the Rome bureau and that the Soviet visa was not used.)